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6. The other two lines of conversation are being carried on concurrently. Molotov is insisting that priority be given to a direct approach, through diplomatic channels, but in this area the influence of Tito is very strong, and bargaining is a difficult process. Molotov's plan is to secure a practical agreement with Tito before dealing with ideological questions. In this, Molotov is opposed by Malenkov and Khrushchev, who are in favor of helping the Yugoslav Party doctrinaires to get rid of Tito.
7. Tito, advised by Rankovic, has recently allowed revelations about anti-Communist activity in Yugoslavia, to demonstrate to the Kremlin that in his absence Yugoslavia would not fall into the hands of the Party doctrinaires, but into those of the capitalist opposition.
8. Better results are expected in Moscow from the third line of negotiation, being developed by Rakosi in Budapest on a regional basis. The plan is to involve Yugoslavia in economic links with Hungary and Czechoslovakia before obtaining a Yugoslav break with the West. Successes of importance along this line are expected soon.

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